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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 39 and 62; amend claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, and 58-61; and add claims 63 and 64, as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-41 (Canceled).

42. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim ~~39~~ 63, wherein a payment pattern of the TPP comprises a time delay in payment of fees by the TPP, an allowable fee schedule of the TPP, and a percentage of the allowable fees paid by the TPP.

43. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim ~~39~~ 63, wherein a relative value for the at least one medical service is a difference between the net present value for the at least one medical service provided and a cost of providing the at least one medical service.

44. (Original) The medical management system of claim 43, wherein the cost of providing the at least one medical service is a function of at least one of an administrative cost of a medical services provider, an overhead cost of a medical office, a cost for medical office staff salaries, an equipment and supplies cost, and a utilities cost.

45. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim ~~39~~ 63, wherein the indication of the net present value is one of a plurality of ranked indicators.

46. (Previously Presented) The medical management system of claim 45, wherein the plurality of ranked indicators includes at least red, orange and green.

47. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the identifier is an identifier of a patient associated with the TPP and the software is configured to generate an indication of whether it would be profitable to accept the patient as a new patient based at least in part upon the historical payment patterns of the TPP to one or more medical service providers.

48. (Previously Presented) The medical management system of claim 47, wherein the indication is generated as a function of the net present value of anticipated medical services to be provided for the patient.

49. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the indication is generated as a function of the expected profitability of the TPP.

50. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the software is configured to generate an indication of whether it would be profitable to enter into a services agreement with the TPP.

51. (Original) The medical management system of claim 50, wherein the indication is generated as a function of at least one payment pattern of the TPP.

52. (Canceled).

53. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the indication is generated as a function of at least one payment pattern of the TPP with which the patient is associated.

54. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the software is configured to generate a recommended duration for a primary medical personnel to visit with the patient, the recommended duration being based at least in part upon the historical payment patterns of the TPP to the one or more medical service providers.

55. (Original) The medical management system of claim 54, wherein the software is further configured to generate a timer indicating time remaining in the recommended duration.

56. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, further comprising a central controller in communication with the at least one electronic device, the central controller enabling communication between a plurality of electronic devices and databases.

57. (Original) The medical management system of claim 56, wherein each of the at least one electronic device is configured as one of a local access terminal, a remote access terminal, a wireless access terminal, and a wireless interface.

58. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the at least one electronic device is configured as one of a wireless access terminal and a wireless interface, and the at least one electronic device further comprises software configured to receive an electronic superbill and automatically send related charges to a TPP for payment.

59. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, wherein the at least one electronic device is configured as one of a wireless access terminal and a wireless interface, and the at least one electronic device further comprises software configured to transmit to a pharmacy a prescription, billing information and an address to which the prescription should be delivered.

60. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, the at least one electronic device further comprising software configured to evaluate a use pattern of at least one supply of a medical services provider, evaluate an inventory quantity of the at least one supply, evaluate an estimated scheduled appointment use of the at least one supply, and automatically order an appropriate quantity of the at least one supply.

61. (Currently amended) The medical management system of claim 39 63, the at least one electronic device further comprising a biometric identifying device operatively coupled thereto.

62. (Canceled)

63. (New) A medical management system comprising at least one electronic device having:

- a) a display;
- b) a memory; and
- c) a processor operating in accordance with software for:
 - 1) receiving an identifier associated with a third party payor (“TPP”) as input;

- 2) accessing data indicative of the historical payment patterns of the TPP to one or more medical service providers from which a net present value of a future payment by the TPP for at least one requested medical service for a patient associated with the TPP may be generated and assigning a rank to a patient's TPP;
- 3) generating an indication of the net present value of the at least one requested medical service prior to providing the medical service, the indication based at least in part upon the historical payment patterns of the TPP to the one or more medical service providers; and
- 4) generating an indication of when the patient is accepted as a new patient based in part on the net present value and the rank assigned to the patient's TPP;
- 5) generating an indication of when the patient's requested appointment should be scheduled based in part on the net present value and the rank assigned to the patient's TPP.

64. (New) A medical management system comprising at least one electronic device having:

- a) a display;
- b) a memory; and
- c) a processor operating in accordance with software for:
 - 1) receiving an identifier associated with a third party payor ("TPP") as input;
 - 2) accessing data indicative of the historical payment patterns of the TPP to one or more medical service providers from which a net present value of a future

payment by the TPP for at least one requested medical service for a patient associated with the TPP may be generated and assigning a rank to a patient's TPP;

- 3) generating an indication of the net present value of the at least one requested medical service prior to providing the medical service, the indication based at least in part upon the historical payment patterns of the TPP to the one or more medical service providers; and
- 4) generating an indication of when the patient is accepted as a new patient based in part on the net present value and the rank assigned to the patient's TPP;
- 5) generating an indication of when the patient's requested appointment should be scheduled based in part on the net present value and the rank assigned to the patient's TPP, wherein the software is configured to generate recommended duration for a primary medical personnel to visit with the patient, the recommended duration being based in part upon the historical payment patterns of the TPP to the one or more requested medical services and the rank assigned to the patient's TPP.